

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DACCA 04384 020246Z

67

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-15

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-15 AID-20 IGA-02 PC-04 SR-02 ORM-03

SCA-01 EUR-25 EB-11 DRC-01 /187 W

----- 117673

R 290540Z SEP 73 ZDK

FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1082

INFO AMCONSUL CALVFTTA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DACCA 4384

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, BG, PK

SUBJECT: REPATRIATION AND RELIEF OF BENGALLEES

1. FLIGHTS OF AFGHAN AIRANA AND ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES REPATRIATING BENGALLEES T EDACCA NOW AVERAGING ABOUT FOUR A DAY. ACCORDING TO MFA ACCOUNTING, AS OF MID 27 SEPTEMBER, 2,571 BENGALLEES RETURNED, 1,697 OF THEM MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVANTS AND FAMILIES FROM LAHORE AND 874 DESTITUTE BENGALLEES FROM KARACHI. BY END SAME DAY, 2686 NON-BEN- GALEES HAD DEPARTED. ALTHOUGH BDG HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE RECEIVE UP TO 10 PLANE LOADS A DAY, ICRC DELEGATE COURVOISIER REPORTS THAT ICRC WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF NON- BENGALLEES CLEARED BY GOP TO FILL THAT MANY FLIGHTS FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. TO DATE, GOP HAS CLEARED 6,800 NAMES FROM LISTS SUBMITTED BY ICRC. HOWEVER, MFA ANTICIPATES RECEIPT OF 10,000 MORE CLEARANCES FROM GOP IN NEXT FEW DAYS. COURVOISIER ALSO REPORTS THAT USE OF AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY CHARTERED TO RETURN DESTITUTES FOR CURRENT GENERAL TRANSFER RESULTED FROM GOP DECISION SUBSTITUTE BENGALLEE MILITARY AND CIVIL PERSONNEL. VK2. BULK OF BENGALLEES RETURNED TO DATE MILITARY PLUS FAMILIES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DACCA 04384 020246Z

REPORTEDLY ONLY HALF DOZEN HIGH RANKING TYPES HAVE ARRIVED,

FORMER MFA DIRECTOR BARI WHO RETURNED 22 SEPTEMBER REPORTS THAT CIVIL SERVANTS REPATRIATED SO FAR WERE FROM QADIRABAD CAMP. ACCORDING BRITISH SOURCES, UNHCR PLANS COMPLETE INTERRUPTED LIMITED REPATRIATION OF DESTITUTES FOLLOWING THIS PHASE OF GENERAL EXCHANGE. FUTURE PLANS UNCERTAIN BUT UN REPRESENTATIVES HERE SAID TO BE OPTIMISTIC THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL RESPOND TO UNHCR APPEAL. MFA EXPECTS THAT SOVIET AIRCRAFT OFFERED FOR REPATRIATION WILL ARRIVE WITHIN WEEK TO 10 DAYS. IF SHIP OFFERED BY SOVIETS IS TO BE USED, MFA OFFICIAL COORDINATING REPATRIATION FOR BDG HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE STANDARD 1500 PASSENGER LINER AND THAT UNHCR MIGHT ARRANGE ONE ADDITIONAL VESSEL.

3. BDG ANNOUNCED TO PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK GENERAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURNEES. FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WOULD BE SIMILARLY EMPLOYED HERE AFTER BEING GRANTED ONE MONTH'S LEAVE AND ADVANCE PAY. THOSE FORMERLY IN AUTONOMOUS AND SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES WOULD REGISTER WITH BD AGENCIES AND BE EMPLOYED FOLLOWING CLEARANCE BY ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION. ARMED FORCES HAVE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL. IN AIR FORCE DAY SPEECH 28 SEPTEMBER, MUJIB SAID THAT ALL RETURNEES EXCEPT A FEW ACCUSED OF ACTIVE COLLABORATION WITH PAKISTAN WOULD BE REINSTATED. RETURNEES WITH "DIFFERENT VOCATIONS" WOULD REGISTER WITH SPECIAL CELL OF THE LABOR MINISTRY. ACCORDING BDG, RETURNING DESTITUTES AND WORKERS WOULD BE REHABILITATED IN SAME MANNER AS THOSE CATEGORIES ALREADY IN BANGLADESH, WITH HOUSING AND AVAILABLE GOVERNMENT LAND ALLOTTED IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE. NEWBERRY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEES, REPATRIATION, AIR TRANSPORTATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 SEP 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973DACCA04384
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: DACCA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973091/aaaaaann.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18-Dec-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <08-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPATRIATION AND RELIEF OF BENGALLEES
TAGS: SREF, BG, PK
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005